

A Note from Pastor Nathan



Greetings and welcome to worship at Sandy Springs Christian Church! Whether you are a first-time visitor, a regular attendee or a long-time member, we are so pleased you have chosen to worship with us today. We hope you find this service to be meaningful and that it serves as a sign of God’s living presence in our world!

If you’d like to learn more about our ministry, we invite you to visit our YouTube Page and our website, www.sandyspringscc.org. You can catch up on previous worship services or discover ways in which you might serve through the life of this congregation.

If you are not already, and would like to be included on our email distribution list to receive regular communications about our ministry, please indicate so on the welcome card in your bulletin and drop it in the offering plate. As always, if you have any questions, feel free to reach out to me directly at nathan@sandyspringscc.org.

Again, on behalf of the people of Sandy Springs Christian Church and the God who invites us all to the table, welcome to worship. We hope to see you again soon.

Peace,


Rev. Dr. Nathan C. Brown, Senior Minister

Sept. 25, 2022	Branching Out	10:15 am
Countdown		
Welcome and Announcements		Rev. Dr. Nathan Brown
Prelude	“Psalm of Glory” Dorothy Wells	Ella Lewis
Bringing the Light of Christ		Acolytes
*Call to Worship		John Mills, Worship Leader
Leader: Come, all who live in the shelter of the Most High. Gather together, all who trust in God Almighty. ALL: God reigns through all generations. We will praise God as long as we live. Leader: We trust in God, our refuge and our fortress. We can count on God’s faithfulness at all times. ALL: God lifts us up when we are threatened or afraid. We call to God for protection and rescue. Leader: Worship God, who richly provides us with all things. Give thanks to the one who dwells in unapproachable light. ALL: God, who made heaven and earth, keeps faith forever. We will pour out our thankfulness in words and deeds.		
Opening Hymn		#56 – v. 1, 2, 5 “For the Beauty of the Earth”
Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer		Rev. Teddy Ivey <i>Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.</i>
Worship Through Music		SSCC Choir
Invitation to Children’s Worship At this time, children ages three through 3 rd grade are invited to meet the children’s worship leader in the back of the Sanctuary for Children’s Worship. They will return to the sanctuary for communion.		
Scripture		John Mills Luke 16:19-31 NRSV
Message		Rev. Dr. Nathan Brown “Pruning for Fruit”
Silent Reflection		
Call to Giving		John Mills

Offertory	"Wondrous Love" Gordon Young	Ella Lewis
*Doxology	Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below; Praise God above ye heavenly hosts: Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost, Amen	
Blessing Our Gifts	Stephen Brown, Elder	
Invitation to the Table	Bryant Gibson	
Prayer for Bread and Cup	Jeff Moore, Elder	
Words of Institution	Bryant Gibson	
Communion	(Please come to the front, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and partake. For gluten free - please take your elements from the communion table and come to one of the serving elders or ministers for a blessing if you wish.)	
Welcome to Visitors	John Mills Visitors please come by the Welcome desk in the lobby for a gift and information. Thank you for visiting.	
Disciples Affirmation	Rev. Dr. Nathan Brown <i>As Disciples, we believe God calls us to be and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ, witnessing, loving and serving from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth.</i>	
SSCC Mission	<i>Sandy Springs Christian Church shares God’s love through inclusivity, service, and spiritual growth.</i>	
Invitation	Rev. Dr. Nathan Brown	
*Closing Hymn	#586 – v. 1, 2, 3 "Open My Eyes, That I May See"	
*Benediction	Rev. Dr. Nathan Brown	
Postlude	"Sing to the Lord of Harvest" Dennis Eliot	Ella Lewis
*All that are able please stand.		
One of the flower arrangements in the sanctuary was given in honor of Teresa Bensch’s birthday by Kerry Bensch. The other arrangement was given by Bob and Janelle Hicks in celebration of Jenna Hicks’ birthday tomorrow. They were designed and arranged by Flowers of Marietta.		